## A COMMEMORATIVE WORK FOR GOLD STAR MOTHERS

## SITE SELECTION ANALYSIS NCMAC INTRODUCTORY SITE SELECTION MEETING

12 December 2013

### PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- PURPOSE OF THE MONUMENT
- PROGRAM FOR MONUMENT
- PRELIMINARY SITE SELECTION CRITERIA
- ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED SITES

### PURPOSE OF THE MONUMENT

# HONOR GOLD STAR MOTHERS AND GOLD STAR FAMILIES WHO HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH TO OUR NATION

. . . express the gratitude of a nation for family life that fosters caring and generous adults willing to pursue a life of service . . . commemorate the selflessness that almost inevitably occurs when Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Families turn their grief outward into actions of kindness and concern for others . . . and, by doing these things, create an atmosphere that enables healing and well-being among those commemorated.

### PROGRAM FOR MONUMENT

- Express the gratitude of our nation to families who teach that military service is a worthy endeavor;
- Recognize the sense of loss shared by Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Families;
- Allow Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Families an opportunity to have a moment of reflection and contemplation;
- Serve as a focal point for Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Families to feel kinship and emotional support;
- Commemorate the history of service of Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star Families; and,

### PROGRAM FOR MONUMENT

Provide the opportunity for visitors to gather and take part in commemorative events.

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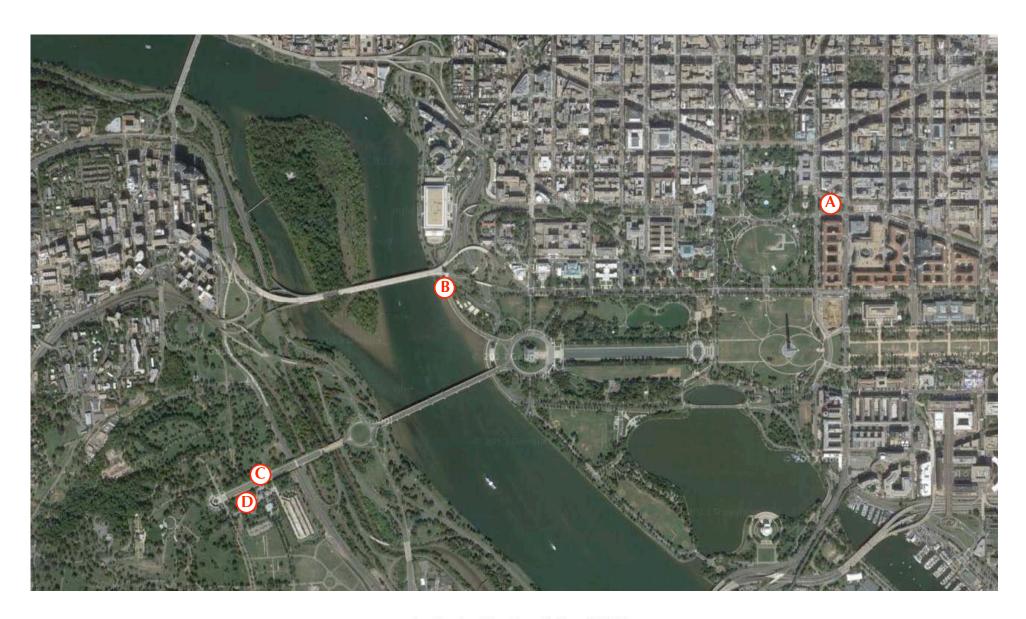
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- Convenient to existing tourist destinations; 6.
- Able to accommodate groups of visitors; 7.
- Able to provide a contemplative setting; 8.
- Accessible by public transportation; 9.
- 10. Accessible to handicapped visitors and the elderly; and,

### PRELIMINARY SITE SELECTION CRITERIA

The location should be (continued):

11. Able to provide shade.



### SITE A: ANALYSIS

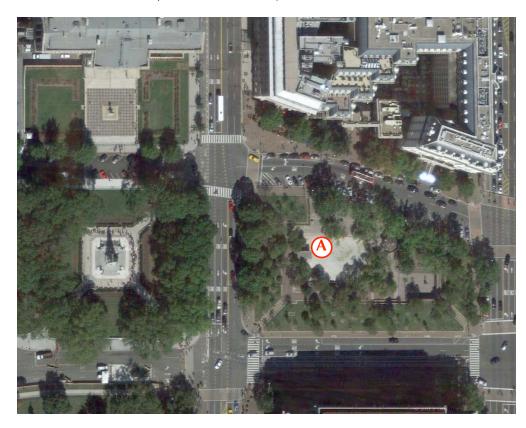
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### SITE A: ANALYSIS

Compliance with Preliminary Site Selection Criteria

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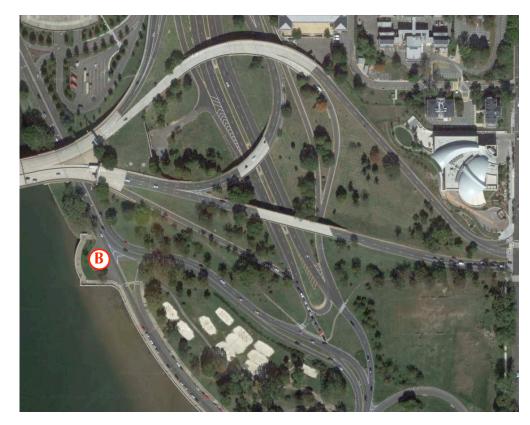
John J. Pershing Memorial



John J. Pershing Memorial dominates plaza

### SITE B: ANALYSIS

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☆ Compliance dependent on design



Original concept for belvedere showing Constitution Avenue extension



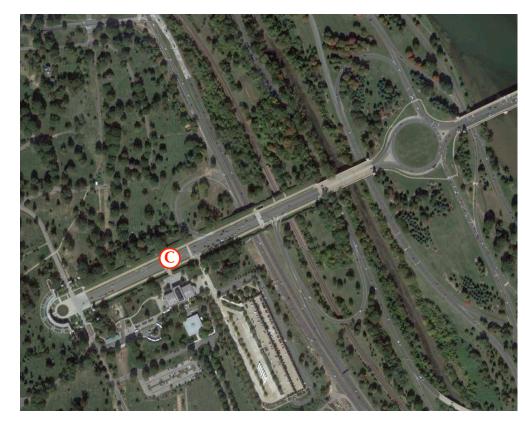
Fast-moving traffic surrounding belvedere



View of Arlington House from belvedere

### SITE C: ANALYSIS

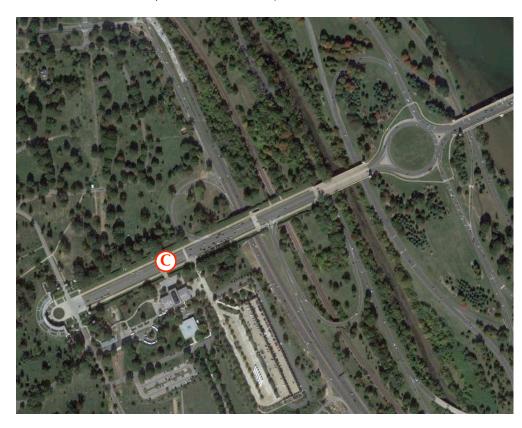
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West view down Memorial Drive



Example niche; Armored Forces Memorial

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### SITE D: ANALYSIS

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Level, open park



Arlington House is not visible from Site D

